



WE hope that the Magazine this month will be in time to bring wishes to all readers for a really Happy Christmas. If we understand the meaning of Christmas it should bring a message of 'Good tidings of great joy for all people' and let us remember that it is the Christian Faith alone which has ever claimed to have good tidings for mankind. There are other great and ancient religions, but at best, they offer men no more than counsel for dealing with the evils of the world and for making the best of a bad job. They have no message of joy for all people. There is literally no joy or happiness of any kind in those countries which have abandoned the Christian Faith. What joy and happiness can be found in such places as Russia and other Communistic countries?

In our country we value those attributes of Christmastide which in themselves are not important but which mean so much. We ring our church bells and we light up Christmas trees—symbols of joy and happiness which can only remain with us while we maintain the true meaning of the great Christian Festival.

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AS Christmas Day falls on a Sunday the Services will be—
PARISH CHURCH Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Mattins and Holy Communion 11 a.m.
Evensong (said) 3.30 p.m.

S. NICHOLAS Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.
No Evensong.

As in previous years the collections at the Parish Church on Christmas Day and on the following Sunday will be for the Dorset Clergy Widows and Orphans Fund for which we ask really generous giving please.

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THE Parish Church Social last month was a somewhat noisy but very happy occasion and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

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WE are glad to record that the attendance at the Children's Services on Sunday afternoons at the Parish Church is increasing considerably and this applies also to the Sunday School at S. Nicholas.

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IN our December issue of the Magazine we always like to express our real gratitude to the ladies who act as Magazine distributors. It is a work of importance which is carried out most regularly and willingly. For this we are most sincerely grateful.

Register

Holy Baptism

Parish Church, Nov. 13th.

Robert Stuart, son of Alfred Watson and Edith Sarah Wright.

Dec. 4th.

Anne Penelope, daughter of John Hunter and Doreen Mary Read.

Holy Matrimony.

Nov. 12th.

George Henry Henson and Celia Elizabeth Slade.

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John Frank Brown and Elizabeth Margaret Rose Henson.